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SIGNS OF RELENTING.

The Pastors Are Enlightened on the Sunday Concert Question.

There was a small attendance at the pastors' conference yesterday afternoon. President Malvern was in the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. S. Goodman. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, Messrs. A. H. Morehead and Beattie of the Oratorio society were introduced to the conference. In view of the resolution passed by the pastors' conference one week ago, requesting the Oratorio society to change the time for holding its concerts from Sunday evening to some convenient evening of the week, Messrs. Morehead and Beattie gave a full explanation of the character of the proposed concert and the reason for selecting Sunday evening for its rendition. Mr. Beattie said the object of the society was to give a moral and religious musical entertainment for the benefit of laboring people who could not attend on other evenings, and to offer an inducement to young people to spend Sunday evening at a place surrounded by a moral atmosphere instead of walking the streets for a bad purpose and visiting immoral places. Mr. Morehead reviewed the work and progress of the society for the last four years, stating that it had been kept alive by the generosity of the members, many of them making individual contributions. If these concerts were to be given on any evening other than Sunday they would be attended by expense and an admission fee would have to be charged. Besides the objection to a week night, another was given that the people for whom the concert was intended could not attend, and the purpose of their efforts would not be accomplished. He said the society did not wish to clash with the clergy of the city and had set the time for the concert at 8 o'clock, being an hour later than the church services. The Rev. Dr. Farr thought the project a worthy one and made no serious objections to the rendition of the Messiah on Sunday evening. The Rev. Dr. Cobb was of the opinion that the Messiah ought to be heard by everybody and that Sunday evening would be an appropriate time for giving it under the circumstances. He moved to reconsider the action of the conference with reference to the matter, but it was stated that the members who introduced and supported the resolution were not present, and owing to the small number in attendance it would be better to postpone any further action. The matter was left unchanged, but after hearing the explanations by Messrs. Morehead and Beattie it was evident that those present had decided that a Sunday evening concert of the character proposed was not so objectionable as they had at first characterized it.

The Rev. J. M. Davies was to have read a paper on Pre-millennialism, but as the time was getting late the paper was postponed until the next meeting. It was voted to invite the Rev. James Gialup to read a paper on the Psalms at the meeting to be held in two weeks. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cobb.

BANKS AND BANKING.

A Year of Great Prosperity for the Financiers.

The city banks during the past year have done an unusually prosperous business and the semi-annual dividends declared will make the stockholders smile with satisfaction. The aggregate of the capital stock is \$2,700,000, and the amount of the net earnings is \$222,523, or nearly 12 per cent. The banks have been conservative and no financial disaster has seriously affected them during the past year. The summary of the realized profits is as follows:

The Old National Bank—Capital stock \$500,000; paid up \$3 per cent. dividend and its taxes which amounts to nearly 3 per cent., and adds \$7000 to its surplus. The dividends for the year amount to \$68,000, or 7 per cent., and \$35,000 has been added to the surplus.
National City Bank—Capital stock \$500,000; dividend 4 per cent.; added to surplus, \$5000. During the year it has paid in dividends \$10,000, or 8 per cent., and has added \$10,000 to its surplus.
Grand Rapids National Bank—Capital stock, \$500,000; semi-annual dividend, 5 per cent.; added to surplus \$7,000. For the year, dividend 9 per cent., or \$45,000; added to surplus \$18,000.

Fourth National Bank—Capital stock, \$300,000; adds \$7,550 to its surplus. For the year, paid in dividends, \$12,000; added to surplus, \$2,550.
Fifth National Bank—Capital stock, \$100,000; adds \$3,600 to its surplus, making a total addition of \$6,200 for the year.

Grand Rapids Savings Bank—Capital stock, \$150,000; semi-annual dividend, 4 per cent.; added to surplus, \$7,465. Dividend for the year, 8 per cent.; added to surplus \$15,934.

Kent County Savings Bank—Capital stock, \$50,000; semi-annual dividend, 5 per cent.; added to surplus \$1,000, and to undivided profits \$3,000. For the year the dividend is 10 per cent., and \$11,336 credited to surplus and undivided profits.

The People's Savings Bank—Capital stock, \$100,000; commenced business in February. Earnings for ten months, \$9,000; dividend, 4 per cent.
The Michigan Trust Company—Capital stock, \$200,000; declares no dividend and adds \$15,000 to the surplus.

MASONIC HOME OFFICERS

Held Their Annual Meeting at the Temple.

The trustees and members of the Masonic home held a meeting last evening in the Masonic temple and elected officers for the ensuing year. The officers are: President, Wm. Dunham; vice president, R. D. Swarthout; trustees, Jacob Barth, Col. J. C. Herkner, Col. E. Crofton, Fox, Wm. S. Lawrence of Kalamazoo, Charles B. Bignow of Big Rapids and Wm. P. Jones. The report of the secretary showed the home to be in a fairly prosperous condition, and the managers hope to persuade the grand lodge to take charge of the institution at its next meeting. Grave fears were expressed for the welfare of Jacob Barth, who has dangerously ill of pneumonia. The directors

of the home will hold a meeting next month, at which a treasurer and secretary will be elected.

Society Meetings.

The tenth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Guard will be celebrated with a grand ball. Arrangements are now being made for the event, which occurs early in February.

The S. O. V. will publicly install their officers-elect, next Monday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall over the Star clothing house.

A cordial invitation is extended to the G. A. R. posts, W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans of the city to attend a public installation of officers of John A. Logan post, at their post room, at the Soldiers' Home, on the evening of January 7, 1892.

The semi-annual meeting of the Workingmen's bicycle club will be held Friday evening next, January 8, at their hall, No. 32 West Bridge street. The most important business will be the election of officers.

The St. Cecilia society will hold its next regular meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Ladies' Literary club house on Sheldon street. The affairs of the late hall will be settled, and all who sold tickets are requested to attend.

A Ladies' Hive of Maccabees, auxiliary to Connor tent, No. 33, will be organized January 9, at 2 p. m., in Hanish hall, on Waterloo street. Great Lady Commander Mary E. Bromley will be present.

St. Mark's Woman's Missionary society meeting has been postponed to Thursday, January 14.

City News in Brief.

City Editor Barry of the Lansing Journal, one of the liveliest and brightest newspaper men of the state, was in the city Sunday, the guest of his brother-in-law, L. G. Stuart. He returned to his duties yesterday.

Mr. Dow B. Frank and Nellie Austin have spent the holidays at their home, No. 185 Barclay street. D. B. Austin left yesterday for Brooklyn, N. Y. Nellie Austin has gone back to Chicago, where she is interested in kindergarten work.

Fernando Page, a door-keeper in the national house of representatives, left for Washington yesterday. He first secured the appointment through the efforts of Congressman Houseman and has held the position ever since.

The unfortunate girl who was found sick and destitute in a Monroe street block, was taken to the Woman's Home and Hospital, not to the U. B. A. add news of churches

News of the Churches.

A photograph social, a new feature in the line of socials, will be given this evening by the young people of Grace Episcopal church. Refreshments will be served.

The membership of Calvary church has been increased by fifty during the last year, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. Snashall.

The Grand Rapids ministers' union of the M. E. churches, which was organized about one month ago, held its second meeting yesterday afternoon in the Ames M. E. church on South Division street. The Rev. J. W. Reid read an interesting paper on "City Evangelization." The next meeting will be held in one month.

These Have the Grip.

E. D. Knapp and wife of South College avenue, are both confined to the bed with the grip.

Mrs. F. H. Sullinger of West Bridge street, who has been seriously ill with the grip, is slowly recovering.

Jacob Barth is seriously ill with pneumonia, and his condition was so alarming yesterday that two consultations of physicians were held.

Grip is epidemic at the county poor house, about half the inmates being down with it. There has been one death from pneumonia and another one is expected.

Board of Trade Notes.

Members of the board of trade are sending in their semi-annual dues. About one hundred of them paid up yesterday.

The lumber committee of the board of trade held a meeting yesterday afternoon to take measures for issuing a new edition of the rules. Secretary VanAmus says the last issue, consisting of 1,000 copies, has met with such a demand that the supply is nearly exhausted.

Record of Death.

The remains of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Vandervort were sent to Travers City yesterday on the 11:30 train over the G. R. & I. The funeral of both will be held this afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Vanderpool, mother of C. R. Vanderpool with Stonehouse & Hann of this city, died at her home in Allegan Sunday evening.

Visiting Knights of Pythias.

W. H. Loomis, grand vice-chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, entertained Grand Chancellor D. C. Page, of Petoskey, and Grand Master Atoms F. M. Douglas, of Ionia, yesterday morning at the Oratorio club, and in the afternoon the three gentlemen left for Hastings to attend a public installation of Hastings lodge last evening. All the grand officers were expected to be present.

Assigned His Grocery Stock.

George Tubergen, the South Division street grocer, has made an assignment of his stock of goods to John Benjamin, the latter to hold them in trust and sell for the benefit of his creditors. The amount of Tubergen's liabilities are not known. He filed a chattel mortgage for \$400 with the city clerk yesterday. The mortgage is given to E. A. Fletcher.

Squabuck Kerosene.

The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon was caused by the explosion of a lamp on the second floor of the Priestly Wagon and Sleigh company's works on South Front street. No damage.

Veteran of the Seminole War.

The funeral of Daniel M. Crillis, an old soldier who has resided near Mill Creek for the last ten years, took place

Sunday afternoon. Mr. Crillis was born in 1804, in the state of Maine and served through the Florida war and the war of the rebellion. He was a member of the Ninth Michigan cavalry. Several of his old comrades from the soldiers' home attended the funeral and the pall bearers were from the home. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. A. Pollard.

Paddy Has the Horrors.

Paddy Welsh is suffering with a severe attack of the delirium tremens at the county jail. In his ravings he imagines all sorts of horrible things, among which is the belief that he is surrounded by reptiles capable of inflicting deadly stings. He spends most of his time fighting them. City Physician Kelly was called to attend him yesterday.

Will Discuss Equal Suffrage.

On Thursday evening the debating society of the Y. M. C. A., will discuss this resolution: "That the elective franchise should be granted to women." The resolution will be supported by Charles P. Benedict and A. Brower and the negative will be maintained by C. Marsman and E. D'Ooge. Recitations and other exercises will also be given.

Contagious Diseases.

Mary Miska, No. 82 Hovey street; Maria C. Shulling, No. 54 Caledonia street; Lukia Miska, No. 165 North Fifth street; Ida DeGraaf, No. 117 Fredrick street; Curry Shaffer, No. 225 Ninth street, scarlet fever. Frank Irwin, No. 210 Scribner street, membranous croup.

Failed to Get a Quorum.

The Kent county fair directors called a meeting for last evening at Secretary Cox's office to establish dates for the annual fair next year, but a quorum was not present and an adjournment was taken until this evening at 7 o'clock.

Fell Over a Washbub.

Last evening Mrs. Lizze Gurney, living over No. 23 West Bridge street, was going down stairs the stumbled over a washbub that was standing on a step and fell. Her left arm was broken near the elbow and she received several painful bruises. Dr. DeCamp set the broken member.

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DOUBTS DISSOLVED.

The Coming of Carrie Downes a Certainty in the Near Future.

The following contract between Manager Geary of the World, Theater and Carrie Downes explains itself:

CHELSEA, Mich., Dec. 31, 1891.

Be it known that the articles herein stated by and between Mr. James Geary of Grand Rapids, Mich., party of the first part and Miss Caroline S. Downes, of Chelsea, Mich., party of the second part, that I, James Geary, party of the first part, do agree and pledge myself to try to secure for Miss Caroline S. Downes, party of the second part, a suitable husband, color white, to be of good moral character, upright and satisfactory to Miss Downes.

JAMES GEARY,

Proprietor World's Theater.

Per S.

J. B. HARKNESS, witness.

I, Miss Caroline S. Downes of Chelsea, Mich., party of the second part, in consideration of the above, do agree to appear at "Geary's World's Museum," Grand Rapids, not less than one hour each afternoon and evening nor more than six hours per day, commencing January 11, 1892, at one o'clock. Also that I submit to any reasonable demands within the bonds of propriety, that Mr. Geary, party of the first part, may see fit to command to further his plans to faithfully fulfill his part of the agreement herein contained.

Signed and sealed this 31st day of December, A. D. 1891.

CAROLINE S. DOWNES.

Witness, H. M. Scott, attorney and euologist.

Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last published, with the names, residences (when outside the city) and ages of the parties:

Age.

Eddie Reburn, Alzona and Katie

Charles H. Aldrich, Turin, Marquette

and Frances J. Verlin, Verne, 25-19

Frank H. Sprague and Cora Taylor,

same place, 31-22

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